

Registered Charity Number: 1051748

The Medway Hospital Charity's Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25



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Foreword from the Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee

Welcome to The Medway Hospital Charity's Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25.

It's an honour to write my first foreword as Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee and I would like to thank each and every donor for their generosity in supporting our important work.



Without your donations we could not make such a positive impact, and please rest assured, we will never take your kindness for granted.

One of the highlights of my role is hearing from grateful patients who fundraise, or donate money. Individuals and families often support The Medway Hospital Charity to express their gratitude for the excellent care received at Medway Maritime.

Our staff go above and beyond every day to provide our patients with the best possible experience and it's really heart-warming to hear such positive feedback.

This year the Charity, thanks to your generosity, has been able to create a new sensory room in Dolphin Ward. This space has been very well received by our young patients. As a calm, relaxing environment away from the hustle and bustle, it is an important addition to our children's ward and would not have been possible without the Charity's support.

Thanks to your generosity, we have also been able to buy more comfortable chairs for the Nuclear Medicine waiting room and for patients having day surgery from the Sunderland Day Case Centre.

We have also purchased sleeper chairs for relatives to use, high-backed chairs for our new staff breastfeeding room plus medical and simulation equipment. The Charity has also funded a new bike shelter for staff on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park, plus smaller, but no less impactful items, like gym equipment to enable patients to build up their strength before surgery and a therapy trolley, to help with rehabilitation.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Your donations really do make a big difference and we are truly grateful.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Lupton', written in a cursive style.

Gary Lupton.

Thank you for your support. Your kind donations have made a positive impact.

Thanks to your generous support, this financial year, we were able to create a new sensory room for young patients on our Children's Ward.



Hospital can be scary and overwhelming for our young patients and this tranquil space is a place to play, unwind and recuperate.

A special thank you to NHS Charities Together and the Milly Moo Right Now Foundation for helping us fund the refurbishment of the Sensory Room and to the Morrisons Foundation for awarding our Charity a grant of almost £10,000 to fund the main piece of equipment (pictured).



To support Medway NHS Foundation Trust's initiative to encourage more staff to cycle to work, the Charity funded an additional bike shed on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park.



It also supported alpha/beta/gamma hand, foot and clothing monitors, a tube and tracheostomy skills simulator, sleeper chairs for patients' families, chairs for a new staff breastfeeding room, gym equipment to improve the fitness of patients undergoing major surgery, plus a therapy trolley with activities to support recovery.



Thanks to your support, the Charity was also able to make our patients' visits more comfortable by funding 28 high-backed chairs for patients undergoing day surgery from our Sunderland Day Case Centre plus new waiting room chairs for the hospital's Nuclear Medicine Department.



Cardiac arrest survivor donates £5,000 to say thank you for saving his life.



A patient donated £5,000 to The Medway Hospital Charity in recognition of the excellent care he received at Medway Maritime Hospital.

In October 2024, Chris Mills, a retired airline pilot, was found on the ground, unresponsive and without a pulse, near Dockside outlet shopping centre by off-duty nurse, Rachael Lewis. She administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), while waiting for the ambulance to arrive, saving his life. Upon arrival at Medway Maritime Hospital, Chris was assessed and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.

He said: "I didn't realise that there was anything wrong with me. I'd never had heart problems before. One moment I was walking with my wife Brenda and the next I felt things fade away. When I woke up I thought I was in Canada as my daughter, Mikaela, was there."

Brenda said: "As Canada is five hours behind, Mikaela was able to jump on a plane and rush to the hospital. We were so thankful she was there when Chris woke up."

Once stabilised, Chris was moved to the Coronary Care Unit and then to Bronte Ward. During his three-and-a-half week stay in Medway, he underwent a variety of diagnostic scans and tests, which revealed he needed a triple heart bypass.

Chris was transferred to St Thomas' Hospital in London where he underwent major heart surgery before returning home to St Mary's Island.

Chris said: "I was looked after incredibly well by everyone at the hospital. This gift to The Medway Hospital Charity is to say thank you for saving my life and for providing such excellent care."

Donna Law, Head of Charity, said: "We were delighted to receive this unexpected, incredibly generous donation from Chris and Brenda. It's always so lovely to hear from patients who have received the best of care. We will use this gift to further enhance patient experience at Medway Maritime Hospital by providing those extras that fall outside of the NHS budget."

Grateful family raises money to support other patients going through cancer.



Three-and-a-half years after starting chemotherapy for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, a delighted Oscar Maxwell rung the bell to signal the end of his treatment.

Oscar was joined by his parents, Catherine and Mike, and his twin sister, Holly, to celebrate this important milestone on Dolphin Ward.

His grateful family was so thankful for the excellent care he received at Medway Maritime Hospital, that they hosted a comedy night, Ozfest, to raise money for the children's oncology fund.

Their generous donation of £4,735 to The Medway Hospital Charity will support other young patients and their families going through a cancer journey.

NHS Charities Together Community Partnerships update

Hundreds of young people needing mental health support have benefitted thanks to a community partnership with NHS Charities Together.

The Medway Hospital Charity, as managing agent for the NHSCT grant programme for the Kent and Medway region, disbursed the final £98,233 tranche of Community Partnerships funding to Medway Council/Emerge Advocacy this financial year.

Medway Council's / Emerge Advocacy's scheme to support young people aged 10-25 years in Kent and Medway who are struggling with self-harm ran until September 2025.

During the two-and-a-half-year programme, Emerge volunteers engaged in 1,110 hospital sessions with 660 young patients in Kent and Medway. Some 214 young people had 1,743 follow-up sessions in the community.

Amy's story:

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Amy was referred to Emerge by the hospital where she had been the previous night feeling extremely low and anxious.

When we spoke with Amy's mum you could hear how much it was affecting her and how she was relieved to be contacted by a service that didn't have a huge waiting list and would be able to help her daughter imminently.



The biggest concern was if Amy was going to be able to meet with her Emerge youth worker. She had severe anxiety to the point she had been scared to leave the house before. After speaking with Amy on the phone we found a place she would be comfortable and agreed her mum could come along with her. In the first session Amy was very anxious so we sat with some warm hot chocolate and chatted with her mum for a bit until she felt at ease and told mum she could "go now!"

Across the following weeks Amy became more and more comfortable to the point she would "really look forward" to her follow up sessions. It was a safe space for Amy to talk through what was going on in her head and why she didn't feel good enough for people or worthy of love.

The Emerge worker and Amy worked through a variety of activities to help Amy realize her value, express how she's feeling and empower her to find practical, healthy ways to manage her emotions. There were so many outstanding breakthrough moments in her negative and self-deprecating thinking across the sessions.

Amy commented:

"this is why I love meeting with you. Somehow you put things into a new perspective where you see both sides and then allow me to make my own decision. No one has been able to do that before."



In her penultimate session Amy and her Emerge Worker went for a stroll round a park. Amy said:

"You've given me the strategies and a way of thinking that I can apply to not only the specific things we've worked through but future scenarios which I now feel more ready to face."

Mum had also noticed a change:

"My daughter was fortunate to be paired with Emerge. Her youth worker is a ray of sunshine, kind and caring. She took time to understand my daughter's challenges and work with her to put useful strategies in place. We are so grateful to Emerge for their support. Thank you."

Please note, the £98,233 received from NHS Charities Together was not income for The Medway Hospital Charity.

It was a grant for Medway Council/Emerge Advocacy and has therefore been recorded as a pass-through cost.

Officers and Professional Advisers

Trustee:

Medway NHS Foundation Trust is the Corporate Trustee of Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund (working name The Medway Hospital Charity) governed by the law applicable to Trusts, principally the Trustee Act 2000 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust Board devolved responsibility for the day-to-day financial management and accounting for Charitable Funds to the Charitable Funds Committee on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

Principal officers – key management personnel:

Jonathan Wade – Interim Chief Executive Officer
Simon Wombwell, Interim Chief Finance Officer
Siobhan Callanan, Deputy Chief Executive and Lead Director for the Charity

Principal professional advisers:

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Corporate Trustee's Annual Report for Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Corporate Trustee presents the Charitable Fund annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been prepared by the Corporate Trustee in accordance with Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2019 and the provisions of the Trust deed.

Voting members of the NHS Foundation Trust Board who served as Trustees during the financial year were:

- Mark Spragg, Non-Executive Director and Trust Chair (to 30 June 2024)
- John Goulston, Non-Executive Director and Trust Chair (from 01 July 2024)
- Annyes Laheurte, Non-Executive Director. Senior Independent Director (to 30 September 2024)
- Jenny Chong, Non-Executive Director. Senior Independent Director (from 01 October 2024)
- Adrian Ward, Non-Executive Director (to 31 July 2024)
- Paulette Lewis, Non-Executive Director
- Gary Lupton, Non-Executive Director
- Mojgan Sani, Non-Executive Director
- Jayne Black, Chief Executive Officer
- Alan Davies, Chief Financial Officer (to 31 December 2024)
- Simon Wombwell, Interim Chief Financial Officer (from 01 January 2025)
- Sarah Vaux, Interim Chief Nursing Officer
- Alison Davis, Chief Medical Officer
- Leon Hinton, Chief People Officer
- Nick Sinclair, Chief Operating Officer
- Gavin MacDonald, Chief Delivery Officer

Changes since 31 March 2025:

- Jonathan Wade, Interim Chief Executive (from 01 April 2025)
- Helen Wiseman, Non-Executive Director (from 01 May 2025)
- Peter Conway, Non-Executive Director (from 01 May 2025)
- Siobhan Callanan, Interim Deputy Chief Executive (from 09 June 2025)
- Sarah Vaux, Interim Chief Nursing Officer (to 22 July 2025)
- Stephanie Gorman, Acting Chief Nursing Officer (from 21 July 2025 to 02 November 2025)

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- Gavin MacDonald, Chief Delivery Officer (to 31 May 2025)
- Leon Hinton, Chief People Officer (to 30 June 2025)
- Sheridan Flavin, Interim Chief People Officer (from 1 July 2025)
- Nick Sinclair, Chief Operating Officer (to 30 September 2025)
- Frances Woodroffe Interim Chief Operating Officer (from 29 September 2025)
- Evonne Hunt, Chief Nursing Officer (from 03 November 2025)

The Charitable Fund is registered with the Charity Commission (no. 1051748) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.



Reference and Administrative details

Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund, registered Charity Number 1051748, was entered on the Central Register of Charities on 4 January 1996.

Its working name is The Medway Hospital Charity.

The Charity is constituted of 41 individual sub funds as at 31 March 2025, compared to 43 as at 31 March 2024.

The notes to the accounts distinguish the types of fund held and disclose separately all significant funds.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust, which the Charity supports, is a public benefit corporation authorised under the National Health Service Act 2006.

The Trust's principal purposes and activities are to provide clinical services to almost half a million patients in the Medway and Swale areas of South East England.

Charitable funds received by the Charity are accepted, held and administered as 'funds and property held on trust for purposes relating to the health service in accordance with the National Health Service Act 2006' and these funds are held on trust by the corporate body.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was established using the model declaration of trust and all funds held on trust as at the date of registration were either part of this as unrestricted

funds or registered as separate restricted funds under the main Charity.

Subsequent donations and gifts received by the Charity that are attributable to the original funds are added to those fund balances in accordance with the wishes of the donor.

The Corporate Trustee fulfils its legal duty by ensuring that funds are spent in accordance with the objects of each fund and, by designating funds, the Trustee respects the wishes of generous donors to benefit patient care and advance the good health and wellbeing of patients, volunteers and staff.

For funds that are received which have specific restrictions set by the donor, a restricted fund has been established.

Non-Executive Members of the Trust Board are appointed by the Board of Governors, made up of elected public governors, staff governors and partner governors from our local community.

Executive Members of the Board are subject to recruitment by the NHS Foundation Trust.

Members of the Trust Board are not individual Trustees under Charity Law but act as agents on behalf of the Corporate Trustee.

The accounting records and the day-to-day administration of the funds are dealt with by the finance department and fundraising team located at Medway Maritime Hospital, Windmill Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 5NY.

Partnership Working and Networks

The patients and staff of Medway NHS Foundation Trust are the main beneficiaries of funds from the Charity.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust is a related party by virtue of being Corporate Trustee of the Charity.

By working in partnership with the Trust, the Charitable Fund is used to best effect.

When deciding upon the most beneficial way to use the Charitable Fund, the Corporate Trustee has regard to the main objectives, strategies and activities of the Trust and the intent of the donor.

Objectives and Strategy

The objects established within the governing document relate both to the duties of the Corporate Trustee and the aims of the Charity and are as follows:

“The Trustees shall hold the trust fund upon trust to apply the income, and at their discretion, so far as may be permissible, the capital for any charitable purpose or purposes relating to the National Health Service.”

The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Annual Review: Our Activities

During the year, charitable funds continued to support a wide range of medical and wellbeing-related activities benefitting both patients, volunteers and staff.

The charitable activities, as detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities (and notes), included the purchase of equipment, welfare support and other expenditure directly supporting hospital projects.

In general, funds are used to purchase varied goods and services to support Medway NHS Foundation Trust projects, which fall outside of its NHS budget.

Individual funds may receive donations, specifically to thank staff. These are used to fund staff room improvements and wellbeing initiatives.

Application of the Charity Commission Code of Governance

We are fully committed to the spirit of the code as well as its practical application.

The code articulates seven principles and underlying the principles is the foundation of the Trustee role combined with the charity context.

The context is one of pressure, in which the Trust is working hard to improve quality and financial stability against a background of historical overspend.

Despite the need for sources of additional funding, the Corporate Trustee considers whether any financial commitments are in

the best interests of the Charity rather than the Trust.

The seven principles of the Code of Governance are:

Organisational Purpose:

We seek to be true to the purpose of the Charity and its values, using its limited resources appropriately.

The Charitable Funds Committee continues to refer back to the Charity's objects, and scrutinises bids for spending through two main filters: who are the main beneficiaries, and how would this application be perceived by our donors - generally the man or woman in the street?

Leadership:

The charity has its objects and the Charitable Funds Committee has its Terms of Reference. These, and all associated charity policies and procedures, are reviewed on a rolling basis and regular self-effectiveness surveys are carried out for best practice and to make necessary improvements.

Integrity:

Integrity, linked to openness and accountability, have to be the bedrocks of our charitable work. The Corporate Trustee and its Charitable Funds Committee members are required to be fit and proper persons.

Decision-making, Risk and Control:

Delegations within the Charity are clear, and there are feedback loops to ensure scrutiny at the appropriate levels.

The biggest practical consideration is the appropriateness of spending in a context of the Trust needing to find savings each financial year.

Every spending bid is considered against the question of whether this is something which the Trust or Charity should pay for.

Board Effectiveness:

In terms of this topic, we recognise that this applies both to the Corporate Trustee and to the Charitable Fund Committee.

Members receive a general induction, and have access to a collection of governing documents. We also seek opportunities for continuing training.

Our Charitable Funds Committee has a good broad covering of skills and we partner informally with other health charities in the region, sharing ideas and benchmarking.

Diversity:

We recognise that increasing diversity can make both the Trust Board and the Charitable Funds Committee more effective.

We have no barriers in terms of gender or ethnicity and governor representation is intended to provide the view of our beneficiaries and donors (the man or woman in our community).

Non-executive members bring a wider view, experience and skill-sets. In the healthcare field, we have taken account of clinician expertise and opinion by including representation from medical professionals.

Openness and Accountability:

As stated earlier, openness and accountability are closely linked to integrity. We welcome governor involvement and scrutiny.

Grant Making Policy

Grants can be made from either restricted, unrestricted or designated funds.

Restricted funds are funds used in accordance with specific, legally-binding restrictions imposed by the donor.

Unrestricted, or designated funds, usually contain donations where a particular part of the hospital or activity was nominated by the donor at the time their gift was made.

While their nomination is not legally binding on the Trustee, designated funds reflect these nominations.

Both types of fund are overseen by fund holders, who can make grant requests within their designated area, providing they are within the objectives of the fund and thereby advance patient, volunteer or staff benefit and the wishes of the donor.

To simplify the approval process, the Charity relies on the Head of Charity to identify the appropriateness of funding requests and to adhere to the approved scheme of delegation.

Applications are reviewed and approved by either the Head of Charity, Chief Executive and Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee, the Charitable Funds Committee or the Corporate Trustee.

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds £150,000 in reserves to cover operational, administration and wind down costs, including staff redundancies, for one financial year.

Our Future Plans

The reconfiguration of services and the plans for redesigning patient care to meet the needs of the future will influence the future priorities for spending funds by the Charity.

A Review of our Finances, Achievements and Performance

The net assets of the Charitable Fund as at 31 March 2025 was £896,000; (2023/24: £883,000).

The Charity continues to rely on donations, fundraising, grants, investments and legacies as its main sources of income.

Total income in 2024/25 was £9,000 less than in 2023/24 due to fewer legacies.

The Charity received £12,000 in non-cash donations in the 2024/25 financial year (2023/24: £18,000).

Total expenditure decreased in 2024/25 by £273,000 compared to 2023/24. The expenditure for 2023/24 was higher as the Trustee authorised significant spending on equipment from our general fund.

They also approved the start of a new, Same Day Endoscopic Spinal Surgery

Service. This equipment was funded by a tranche of a large orthopaedic legacy.

Expenditure on direct charitable activity of £242,000 of £248,000 represents 98 percent of total expenditure (2023/24: £497,000 of £521,000 represents 95 percent total expenditure).

Performance management

In 2024/25, the Charity paid £99,038 (2023/24: £89,209) towards fundraising and financial management.

All staff are employed by Medway NHS Foundation Trust and salaries are recharged.

The £99,038 repaid to Medway NHS Foundation Trust includes a £13,538 management fee from NHS Charities Together to The Medway Hospital Charity for leading its *Stage 2 Community Partnership programme in the Kent and Medway region and £6,808 for a part-time grants officer funded by a development grant received in the last financial year.

*An £80,000 NHS Charities Together grant for the management of the multi-year programme was received in the 2021/22 financial year.

Investments

The Corporate Trustee decided to liquidate its investments into cash. This decision enables the Charity to fund larger projects immediately, without the need to draw down money from investments.

Going Concern

The Charity's activities, results and future plans are disclosed in the Corporate Trustee's Annual Report.

The Trustee has assessed the balance sheet and likely future cash flows of the Charity at the date of approving the financial statements.

Although income, grants and legacies are slightly down from the previous financial year, there is sufficient money in reserves for the continuation of the Charity.

As all expenditure is discretionary, the Corporate Trustee believes that there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the Charity's ability to continue in operation and believes the Charity is well placed to manage its business risks successfully.

Although it is still a challenging time for the Charity as the cost-of-living crisis has not abated, the Trustee continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

A Big Thank You

On behalf of the patients, staff and volunteers who have benefitted from improved services due to donations, grants and legacies, the Corporate Trustee would like to thank you.

Without your ongoing generosity and support, our charity would not be able to make the difference that it does.

Provision of information to the Independent Examiner

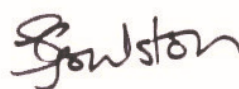
Each of the persons who are agents of the Trustee at the time when this Trustee's report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- that the Corporate Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the Charity's Independent Examiner in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the Charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Approved on behalf of the Trustee on 14 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Siobhan Callanan
Interim Deputy Chief Executive
Medway NHS Foundation Trust



John Goulston
Chair
Medway NHS Foundation Trust

Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund ('the charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 21 to 34.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Patrick duCassé, ACA

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Date: 14 January 2026

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Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund - Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2024/25 Total Funds £000	2023/24 Total Funds £000
Income from:					
Donations	3	0	136	136	97
Donations (non-cash)	3	0	12	12	18
Legacies	3	0	18	18	36
Other Trading Activities	4	0	30	30	33
Grants (from NHS Charities Together)	8	0	10	10	30
Investments	5	0	47	47	48
Total Income		0	253	253	262
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	6	0	(6)	(6)	(24)
Charitable Activities	7	(21)	(221)	(242)	(497)
Total expenditure		(21)	(227)	(248)	(521)
Net income / (loss) before investment gains / losses		(21)	26	5	(259)
Other recognised gains / (losses): Realised and unrealised gains on investment assets	11	0	8	8	29
Net income / (loss) for the year		(21)	34	13	(230)
Gross transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(21)	34	13	(230)
Reconciliation of Funds Total					
Funds brought forward at 1 April		47	836	883	1,113
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March		26	870	896	883

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net loss for the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

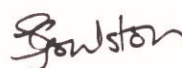
Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	31 March 2025 Total Funds £000	31 March 2024 Total Funds £000
Fixed assets:					
Investments	11	0	14	14	675
Total Fixed Assets		0	14	14	675
Current Assets:					
Debtors	12	0	2	2	4
Cash at bank and in hand	13	26	856	882	435
Total Current Assets		26	858	884	439
Current liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due in 1 year	14	0	(2)	(2)	231
Total Current Liabilities		0	(2)	(2)	231
Net assets		26	870	896	883
The Funds of the Charity:					
Restricted funds	15	26	0	26	47
Unrestricted funds	15	0	870	870	836
Total Charity funds		26	870	896	883

The financial statements of Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund registered number 1051748 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee on 14 January 2026 and have been signed on its behalf by:



Siobhan Callanan
Interim Deputy Chief Executive
Medway NHS Foundation Trust



John Goulston
Chair
Medway NHS Foundation Trust

Medway NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund - Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2024/25 Total Funds £000	2023/24 Total Funds £000
Cash flows from operating from operating activities			
Net cash from operating activities	17	(269)	(82)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends and interest from investments	5	47	48
Disposal/(Purchase) of investments	11	667	114
Investment Fund management fees	11	2	(7)
Net cash provided by investing activities		716	155
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		447	73
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		435	362
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	13	882	435

Notes on the accounts

1. Accounting Policies

a.) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019)" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective 1 January 2019; and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are round to the nearest thousand pounds (£'000).

b.) Preparation of financial statements – going concern basis

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes the Charity will continue for the foreseeable future. As reserves have been maintained, income from donations is stable and expenditure is discretionary, the Trustee believes that there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the Charity's ability to continue in operation.

c.) Legal Status of the Charity

This is a public benefit entity, registered in England and Wales.

d.) Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. Unrestricted funds are those funds which are given to the Charity (whether solicited or unsolicited) without any restrictions imposed by the particular donor. Designated funds are funds set up to support a specific speciality. Donors can request their money goes into a designated fund to support an area of their choice, for example critical care.

e.) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

f.) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Expenditure on raising funds includes the costs incurred in generating fundraising income and the costs associated with making the investments.

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objectives of the Charity.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes:

- Grant support given to Medway NHS Foundation Trust.
- Direct costs of delivering grants and services.
- Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include salaries recharged to the Charity by the NHS Foundation Trust and independent examiner fees. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in Note 9.

Costs associated with purchasing new equipment:

- Any equipment deemed a fixed asset in nature is included in purchase of new equipment as it is donated to Medway NHS Foundation Trust, and therefore not recorded as a fixed asset within the Charity's accounts.

Grant commitments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in payment being unavoidable. Grants are only made to related or third-party NHS bodies and non NHS bodies in furtherance of the charitable objects of the funds.

A liability for such grants is recognised when approval has been given by the Trustee. The NHS Foundation Trust has full knowledge of the plans of the Trustee, therefore a grant approval is taken to constitute a firm intention of payment which has been communicated to the NHS Foundation Trust, and so a liability is recognised.

Contractual arrangements are recognised as goods or services supplied.

g.) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

h.) Allocation of overhead and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated as a direct cost or apportioned on an appropriate basis between charitable activities and governance costs.

i.) Costs of generating funds

The costs of generating funds are the Investec Wealth & Investment Limited management fees.

j.) Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value as at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

k.) Realised / Unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

l.) Staff costs

Staff are employed by Medway NHS Foundation Trust. Where staff perform a service to the Charitable Fund an element of the salaries and related costs are recharged to the Charity. These costs are shown under 'Management Services' and 'Financial Services'.

In this financial year, £99,038 was paid in service fees for financial and charity management costs. This figure includes a management fee of £13,538 paid to The Medway Hospital Charity by NHS Charities Together for leading its Stage 2 Community Partnership programme for the Kent and Medway region* and £6,808 from a development grant received in 2023/24 for a part-time Grants Officer.

*A one-off grant payment of £80,000 was received in the 2021/22 financial year to cover all costs associated with this multi-year Stage 2 Community grant programme, which finished in September 2025.

m.) Taxation

The Charity takes advantage of certain exemptions from taxation on income and gains, to the extent that they are applied for charitable purposes.

n.) Debtors and Creditors

As per the Trust's Standing Financial Instructions, the debtor, creditor and financial instrument accounting policies in place for the Trust are also used for the charity. All financial instruments are subject to impairment review on an annual basis.

2. Critical Accounting, Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the Trustee is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustee does not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond the accounting policies listed above.

3. Analysis of income from donation, legacies, and non-cash donations

Donations	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Donations - £0 - £1,000	42	29
Donations - £1,001 - £10,000	68	42
Donations - £10,000 +	26	26
Total	136	97

Legacies	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Donations - £0 - £1,000	0	3
Donations - £1,001 - £10,000	0	1
Donations - £10,000 +	18	32
Total	18	36

Donations Non-cash	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Donations - £0 - £1,000	0	1
Donations £1,001 - £10,000	12	17
Donations - £10,000 +	0	0
Total	12	18

All donations are unrestricted funds.

4. Other Trading Activities

	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Activities for Generating Funds	30	33
Total	30	33

5. Analysis of income from investments

	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Income from Investment Portfolio	47	48
Total	47	48

6. Analysis of expenditure on raising funds

	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Investment management costs	1	7
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income (Fundraising Events)	5	17
Total	6	24

7. Analysis of charitable expenditure

All of the resources expended by the Charity were in the form of grants to Medway NHS Foundation Trust in support of a range of charitable activities.

	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Purchase of New Equipment	55	324
Staff Welfare	10	15
Patient Welfare	32	54
General Welfare	8	10
Medical Research	0	1
Other Expenditure	35	0
Governance costs (see note 9)	102	93
Total	242	497

8. Analysis of grants

Income: In the 2024/25 year, the Charity received £10,000 in grant income (2023/24: £30,000). This grant was received from The Morrisons Foundation to buy the main piece of equipment for a new sensory room in our children's ward. The Charity used an NHS

Charities Together grant received in 2023/24 to fund a part-time Grants Officer role for 12 months.

Expenditure: All grants are made to Medway NHS Foundation Trust. The Corporate Trustee operates a scheme of delegation. All grant-funded activity and the disbursement of funds is managed by the Head of Charity

9. Allocation of support costs and overheads

Once allocation and / or apportionment of overhead and support costs has been made between Charitable Activities and Governance Costs, the cost attributable to Charitable Activities is apportioned across those activities in proportion to total spend.

Allocation and apportionment to Governance Costs	2024/25 Total £000	Allocated to Governance £000	Residual for apportionment £000	2023/24 Total £000
Management Services	83	83	0	73
Financial Services	16	16	0	16
Independent Examination Fee/Independent Audit Fee	2	2	0	3
Bank Charges	1	1	0	1
Total	102	102	0	93

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A one-off grant payment of £80,000 was received in the 2021/22 financial year to cover all costs associated with this multi-year Stage 2 Community grant programme, which finished in September 2025.

10. Independent Examiner's remuneration

The Independent Examiner's remuneration of £2,000+VAT (the VAT of which is irrecoverable) related solely to the independent examination of these financial statements with no other additional work undertaken (2023/24: £1,950+VAT).

11. Fixed asset investments

Movement in Fixed Asset Investment	2024/25 £000	2023/24 £000
Market value brought forward	675	753
Acquisitions at cost	18	224
Disposals	(667)	(338)
Add net (loss)/gain on revaluations	8	29
Cash movement	(20)	(7)
Market value as of 31 March	14	675
Book Cost	14	661

Fixed asset investments	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
UK Invested Unit Trusts	14	656
Cash account	0	17
Accrued interest	0	2
Total	14	675

12. Analysis of current assets

Debtor receivable within 1 Year	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Accrued income	2	4
Total	2	4

13. Analysis of cash and deposits

	31 March 2025 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Bank Account	883	435
Total	883	435

14. Analysis of current liabilities

Creditors payable within 1 year	31 March 2024 £000	31 March 2024 £000
Accruals	2	231
Total	2	231

15. Analysis of charitable funds 2024/25

Analysis of Material fund	Balance at 1 April b/fwd £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Transfers £000	Balance at 31 March c/fwd £000
Restricted						
NHS Charities Together	29	0	0	0	(15)	14
NHS CT Salary	18	0	(21)	0	15	12
Total Restricted Funds (2)	47	0	(21)	0	0	26
Unrestricted/ Designated						
General Fund	216	0	(110)	1	1	108
Diabetes	49	0	(6)	1	0	44
The Ralph Barrett Legacy	238	0	(26)	3	0	215
Medway Cancer Unit	103	9	(11)	1	0	102
Children's	26	19	(22)	0	0	23
Critical Care	26	17	(6)	0	0	37
Other unrestricted funds (32)	178	208	(46)	2	(1)	341
Total Unrestricted Funds (38)	836	253	(227)	8	0	870
Grand Total (40)	883	253	(248)	8	0	896

Name of Fund	Description, nature and purpose of the fund
NHS Charities Together	Holds a development grant to support the growth of The Medway Hospital Charity.
General Fund	The General Fund holds all general and unrestricted donations and can support any specialism within the hospital.
Diabetes	Contributions to diabetic patient care and relevant education at Medway Maritime Hospital
The Ralph Barrett Legacy	Ralph Barrett left a legacy of almost £1 million, with a wish that it go to our orthopaedic department.
Medway Cancer Unit	The Medway Cancer Unit is made up of donations to Lawrence Ward and Galton Day Unit.
Children's	Contributions to support our Children's ward
Critical Care	This fund is made up of donations to our intensive care and high dependency units.
NHSCT Salary	This fund is a restricted fund to pay salaries for NHS Charities Together funded posts.

Other Funds

The other restricted/unrestricted funds within the 2024/25 financial analysis have been grouped together for presentational purposes. All have a closing balance of less than £20,000. These funds hold donations made to various departments within the hospital.

Analysis of charitable funds 2023/24

Analysis of Material fund	Balance at 1 April b/fwd £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains and (losses) £000	Transfers £000	Balance at 31 March c/fwd £000
Restricted						
NHS Charities Together	23	30	(24)	0	0	29
NHS CT Salary	45	0	(27)	0	0	18
Total Restricted Funds (4)	68	30	(68)	0	0	47
Unrestricted/ Designated						
General Fund	214	169	(175)	8	0	216
Diabetes Centre	50	0	(2)	1	0	49
The Ralph Barrett Legacy	418	(2)	(189)	11	0	238
Medway Cancer Unit	109	5	(14)	3	0	103
Children's	26	26	(26)	0	0	26
Critical Care	39	4	(18)	1	0	26
Other Unrestricted (33 Funds)	189	25	(41)	5	0	178
Total Unrestricted Designated Funds (39 Funds)	1,045	227	(465)	29	0	836
Grand Total (48 Funds)	1,113	257	(516)	29	0	883

16. Related party transactions

Medway NHS Foundation Trust is the major beneficiary of the Charity and in 2024/25 received grants and contributions of £242,000 (2023/24: £516,000).

In 2024/25, Medway NHS Foundation Trust, as employer, recharged £99,038 for financial and charity management services provided in the 2024/25 financial year, (2023/24: £89,209).

Included in this total was £13,538 which was recharged by the Trust for The Medway Hospital Charity's management fee of NHS Charities Together's Stage 2 Community Partnership programme for the Kent and Medway region and £6,808 for a Grants Officer post funded by an NHS Charities Together Development Grant.

None of the members of Medway NHS Foundation Trust Board or senior NHS Foundation Trust staff or parties related to them were beneficiaries of the Charity. Neither the Corporate Trustee, nor any member of the NHS Foundation Trust Board, has received honoraria, emoluments or expenses in the year and the Trustee has not purchased Trustee indemnity insurance.

17. Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

Movement in Net Cash from Operating Activities	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	Total £000	Total £000
Net income / (expenditure)	13	(230)
Losses/(Gains) on investments	(8)	(29)
Dividends and interest on investments	(3)	(24)
Interest from bank deposits	(44)	(24)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors	2	(1)
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	(229)	226
Net cash provided by operating activities	(269)	(82)

18. Post balance sheet events

There were no post balance sheet events.

19. NHS Charities Together Community Partnerships

The Medway Hospital Charity has acted as the Kent and Medway managing agent for NHS Charities Together for its £801,959 multi-year Community Partnerships Programme, which completed in September 2025.

During the 2024/25 financial year, the charity received £98,233 from NHS Charities Together and disbursed this to community partner, Medway Council. (2023/24: £449,748).

Medway Council received £98,233 as its final tranche of grant funding for its mental health advocacy programme, with partner Emerge Advocacy.

This money was not income for The Medway Hospital Charity and has been recorded as a pass-through cost.

NHS Charities Together awarded The Medway Hospital Charity its management fee in an earlier financial year. This money has sat within a restricted fund and is being spent down. In the 2024/25 financial year, the management cost of this programme was £13,538; (2023/24: £25,655).